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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged. In the Midwest region, prices were higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the heavier weights and steady on the smaller sizes. Demand into all outlets was light to good. Supplies were adequate to tight for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to occasionally sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the light to fair demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Extra large and large prices increased 4 cents, mediums up 1 cent. Prices to producers were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good and noted as better than anticipated. Loose egg movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were well balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offers about adequate to short with buyers noting increasing difficulty in securing additional product. Demand was generally good. Schedules fulltime to overtime. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-81	74-78
LARGE	71-79	72-77
MEDIUM	51-59	54-56

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings from regular suppliers were short to occasionally sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for processing needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	76-88	79-81
LARGE	70-85	77-79
MEDIUM	51-66	56-58

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Extra large and large prices increased 3 to 4 cents, mediums unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fairly good to good with scattered feature activity providing additional interest. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	79.5-88	80-82
LARGE	74.5-84	76-77
MEDIUM	53.5-60	55-57

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on medium when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were sufficient to in close balance. Breaking stock offerings were short to occasionally sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for normal to at times heavy slaughter schedules

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74-83	77-80
LARGE	71-81	75-78
MEDIUM	53.5-61	54-58

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were usually sufficient for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	84-88
LARGE	82-86
MEDIUM	63-67

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Offerings of larger sizes balanced, lighter weights mixed.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	78-84
LARGE	77-82
MEDIUM	57-64

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WESTERN Prices 5 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 4-5 cents higher on large, and unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand good. Offerings short.

CALIFORNIA Prices 5 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings short on the large sizes. Small benchmark price 68. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large 18 pack 199, large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	122
EXTRA LARGE	118
LARGE	110
MEDIUM	88

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-339	JUMBO	255-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-319
LARGE	219-229	LARGE	215-265
MEDIUM	199	MEDIUM	189-215

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 08, 2003 will decrease by 13 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 01, 2003 were 274,643 cases which was 26 percent above the prior week and 20 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	233,615	41,028	274,643
% change from the prior week.....	+32	+3	+26

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were higher. Offerings were about adequate to short of needs with most buyers expecting increased difficulty in procuring additional breaking stock as the week progresses. Demand was fairly good to mostly good. Schedules full-time to over-time. Floor stocks in close balance to about adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEST RUN RANGE 57-60 MOSTLY 59-60

CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 42-48 44

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair at best for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were usually adequate, and clearing. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 04-AUG-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8-8.5	8.12
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from producers. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-AUG-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-10	8-8.5	8.25

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - AM AUGUST 04, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.6	19.5	6.8	11.1	10.2	59.2
	Change	0.6	-1.5	0.4	0.9	-0.2	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.0	45.9	14.8	24.3	33.0	142.0
	Change	-2.4	0.7	-1.1	8.7	-0.5	4%
Large	Curr Wk	44.9	83.8	67.5	78.0	110.9	385.1
	Change	-5.3	-2.3	-0.2	6.4	7.2	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.8	33.2	19.7	22.6	40.4	129.7
	Change	-2.4	1.7	0.5	-0.7	6.4	4%
Small	Curr Wk	8.4	6.9	4.3	5.0	4.6	29.2
	Change	4.6	0.9	-0.6	-2.4	-3.1	-2%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.1	21.8	7.7	11.8	7.1	52.5
	Change	-1.4	0.2	-0.5	1.9	0.7	2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.0	34.8	18.9	25.2	29.8	125.7
	Change	-5.1	-6.7	0.8	1.2	-4.9	-10%
Total	Curr Wk	123.8	245.9	139.7	178.0	236.0	923.4
Percent	Change	-8%	-3%	0%	10%	2%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	923.4	0%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	248.2	2%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,171.6	1%	207
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggspacked for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 21, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 21, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 01, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							18.75	FUTURE LOADS				14.25	TOTAL LOADS				33.00	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC	NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST				
GNR W 1	56.00	—	—	58.00	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	80.29	6.50			
GL W XL	—	—	68.00	70.00	69.67	—	9.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	78.71	4.50			
GL W LG	—	—	67.00	—	69.20	—	5.50											
GL W MD	44.00	—	44.63	45.63	—	47.50	5.00											
GL W SM	32.25	34.00	32.00	33.00	—	—	2.75											
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.25											
NRBS - 39	—	—	43.00	44.00	—	—	1.00											

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/28/03-08/01/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS					
102.75								73.00				175.75					
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		MW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	54.50	59.80	55.50	57.00	58.50	60.00	23.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		
GNR W 2	—	57.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	49.00	50.88	2.00	GNR BR 1	66.00	—	—	—	—	74.00	1.00		
GL W J	—	—	75.00	78.67	73.60	—	4.25	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	82.88	1.25		
GL W XL	—	69.60	67.69	68.92	68.80	—	72.50	GL W XL	69.00	69.00	—	—	—	78.11	40.25		
GL W LG	69.00	70.30	64.50	65.50	68.29	—	46.00	GL W LG	70.00	69.07	—	—	—	77.05	29.00		
GL W MD	44.00	50.60	45.13	46.61	43.33	51.63	24.75	GL W MD	43.19	50.00	—	—	—	51.61	10.25		
GL W SM	31.55	33.50	31.64	33.53	32.00	34.50	9.75										
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50										
NRBS - 48	—	—	49.00	50.00	59.00	57.36	23.50										
NRBS - 45	48.00	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00										
NRBS - 42	43.00	—	—	—	—	47.00	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	41.00	42.38	—	45.50	5.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	36.50	37.00	1.50										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/28/03	07/21/03	07/29/02
PACIFIC COAST	71	59	452
LOS ANGELES	54	36	410

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.63
LARGE	91.63
MEDIUM	71.63
SMALL	53.00

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 07/20/03-07/26/03

30-dozen case 7546

Receipts from the mainland: 07/13/03-07/19/03

30-dozen case 8862

International : Weekly U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered

Under Inspection Week ending 26-Jul-03

****CORRECTION****

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA (THOUSANDS)

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS

LAST WEEK **366**

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS

LAST WEEK **1,507**

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 7/25/2003

Report Period: 7/13/2003 - 7/19/2003

	Number Cases	Number Cases	Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	1,314	1,314
Colorado	0	720	4,438	5,158
Delaware	0	0	950	950
Illinois	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	2,300	2,300
Iowa	4,860	1,160	45,539	51,559
Minnesota	2,280	880	7,816	10,976
Missouri	0	0	2,980	2,980
Montana	0	0	756	756
Nevada	0	0	832	832
North Carolina	0	0	960	960
Ohio	0	0	960	960
Oregon	3,964	0	0	3,964
Texas	0	0	5,680	5,680
Utah	1,821	360	5,748	7,929
Washington	0	576	0	576
TOTAL	12,925	3,696	80,273	96,894
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	12,925	3,696	80,273	96,894

Report Date: 7/29/2003

Report Period: 7/20/2003 - 7/26/2003

	Number Cases	Number Cases	Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	280	280
Arkansas	0	0	1,950	1,950
Colorado	0	0	5,119	5,119
Idaho	0	0	940	940
Indiana	0	0	1,560	1,560
Iowa	4,720	3,120	47,225	55,065
Minnesota	2,100	800	8,618	11,518
Missouri	0	0	2,282	2,282
Nevada	0	0	900	900
North Carolina	0	0	850	850
Ohio	0	0	860	860
Oregon	2,384	0	0	2,384
Texas	0	0	800	800
Utah	0	1,500	7,014	8,514
Virginia	0	720	0	720
Washington	0	576	0	576
TOTAL	9,204	6,716	78,398	94,318
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	9,204	6,716	78,398	94,318